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DEPT: PASS S/IG, (MR. ARNOLD) AND FBO, (MR. PRUITT)

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1. ALL CONGEN SECTIONS NOW OPERATING AND ARE OR SOON WILL BE--ESTABLISHED IN U.S. TRADE CENTER (USTC) BUILDING. ON OR ABOUT SEPT. 20 FIFTH FLOOR OF USTC BUILDING WILL BE CONVERTED TO CLASSIFIED STORAGE AREA WITH 24-HOUR MSG. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH O/C (RAMBO), RSO AND ATO (MIAMI) TECHNICIANS, DECISION MADE TO MOVE TCU TO FIFTH FLOOR OF USTC BUILDING FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF PARTITIONS. DEA ALSO ESTABLISHED 5TH FLOOR. ICA AND FAS ARE ON 4TH FLOOR; CON, ADM AND IRS ON 2NE FLOOR. ALL SECTIONS USING MISH MASH OF TEMPORARY CHAIRS AND TABLES IN OTHERWISE OPEN SPACE.

2. SALVAGE OF PROPERTY: ALL REMAINING CLASSIFIED FILES AND CURRENT CONSULAR RECORDS RETRIEVED BY CONGEN WORKING PARTY SEPTEMBER 6. SEVERAL UNDAMAGED TYPEWRITERS AND A FEW OTHER ITEMS OF USABLE EQUIPMENT ALSO TRANSFERRED TO USTC BUILDING.
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ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO MOVE SOME SAFES AND FURNITURE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11. CONSULATE IS SEEKING 10,000 FEET WAREHOUSE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE FURNITURE WHILE DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT IT CAN BE SALVAGED. WILL INFORM OF ESTIMATED RENTAL COST OF WAREHOUSE.

3. LEGAL ASPECTS: POST WILL CONSULT LEGAL CONSEL

REGARDING RIGHTS WITH REGARD TO FIRE INSURANCE HELD BY LANDLORD. POST WILL NOTIFY LANDLORD OF LEASE CANCELLATION ON FORMER PREMISES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 12 OF CONTRACT, BUT WISH TO CONSULT WITH CONSEL FIRST IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT RIGHTS TO SUBSEQUENT CLAIMS AGAINST LANDLORD ARE PROTECTED. ADVANCE RENT (2,280,280 CRUZEIROS) FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 1978--JUNE 30, 1979 WAS PAID JULY 7. UNDER LEASE U.S.G. HAS CLAIM FOR REFUND IN CASE PREMISES RENDERED UNUSABLE BY FIRE. BELIEVE REFUND MAY ONLY BECOME AVAILABLE AFTER DELAY AND CANNOT BE COUNTED UPON AS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR ALTERNATE PREMISES.

4. NEW SITE: FBO ENGINEER GURVIN IS ASSISTING CONSULATE STAFF IN REVIEW OF NUMBER OF POSSIBLE RENTAL SITES WITH APPROXIMATELY 30,000 SQ. FT. WORKING AREA. COST PER YEAR ON SUITABLE BUILDINGS RUNNING \$300,000. - PLUS INITIAL INVESTMENT TO SET UP OPERATION.

5. UNDERSTAND PER TELCON SEPT. 8 THAT FBO OFFICER PRUITT AND ARCHITECT ICHI MORI ARRIVING SAO PAULO MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 12. VISIT MUCH APPRECIATED AND PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW OF DECISIONS WHICH NEED TO BE MADE, AND AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE IN SAO PAULO SAME DAY.
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